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Press Release

On August 3, 2016, the Board of Health and Upton's Emergency Personnel responded to 60 School Street, Upton, following an inspection conducted by Animal Control Officer, Mike Moran and MSPCA Officer, Nadya Moreno.

The MSPCA and Upton's ACO were on site following orders pertaining to the local nuisance regulations and to discern if the number of cats in the home had extended above an order issued by the Board in 2011 that no more than four cats reside at the home. Conditions found in the home were such that the BOH made the determination to condemn the house, due to a public health risk to the occupants.

The occupants of 60 School Street have been fully cooperative with all town officials and are staying with family at this time. The MSPCA has removed 13 cats at this time, and it is unknown how many more are present. The MSPCA will continue to work with the Town to assist in removing all remaining cats. The Town has also taken steps to apply pest control measures to the exterior of the property in the interest of public health. The town's administrative offices are also working to assist the occupants with securing long term housing and to ensure all other needs are met.

The BOH is presently working with Town Counsel to obtain an Administrative Court Order from the State to allow the Town to address the conditions found at the property as quickly as possible.